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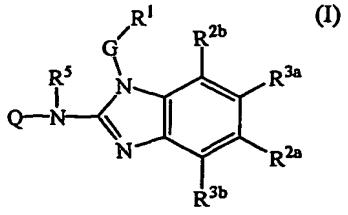

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(57) Abstract: The present invention concerns amino-benzimidazoles having inhibitory activity on the replication of the respiratory syncytial virus and having the formula (I) their prodrugs, *N*-oxides, addition salts, quaternary amines, metal complexes and stereochemically isomeric forms wherein Q is Ar_1 or C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with one or more substituents selected from trifluoromethyl, C_{3-7}cycloalkyl, Ar^2, hydroxy, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkylthio, Ar^2-oxy-, Ar^2-thio-, $Ar^2(CH2)_n$oxy, $Ar^2(CH_2)_n$thio, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C_{1-4} alkylcarbonyl, Ar^2carbonyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, $Ar^2(CH_2)_n$ carbonyl, aminocarbonyloxy, C_{1-4} alkylcarbonyloxy, Ar^2carbonyloxy, $Ar^2(CH_2)_n$carbonyloxy, hydroxy-C_{2-4}-alkyloxy, C_{1-4} alkoxycarbonyl$(CH_2)_n$oxy, monoor di(C_{1-4}alkyl)-aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminocarbonyloxy, aminosulfonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulfonyl, dioxolanyl optionally substituted with one or two C_{1-6}alkyl radicals, and a heterocycle selected from pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolyl, dihydropyrrolyl, thiazolidinyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyridyl and tetrahydropyridyl, which each may optionally be substituted with oxo or C_{1-6}alkyl; G is a direct bond or optionally substituted C_{1-10}alkanediyl R^1 is Ar^1 or a monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle; one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is C_{1-6}alkyl and the other one of R^2a and R^{3a} is hydrogen; in case R^2a is different from hydrogen then R^{2b} is hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl, and R^{3b} is hydrogen; in case R^{3a} is different from hydrogen then R^{3b} is hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl, and R^{2b} is hydrogen; Ar^1 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and Ar^2 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. It further concerns their preparation and compositions comprising them, as well as their use as a medicine.

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